

Status of Claims

Claims 1-48 (cancelled)

Claim 49 (previously amended) A gaming apparatus comprising:

a gaming machine having a player interface and circuitry for issuing a signal upon the occurrence of a predetermined event;

a lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game; and

an interface in data communication with the gaming machine and the lottery game apparatus, the interface activating the lottery game apparatus in response to the signal issued by the gaming machine.

Claim 50 (previously amended) The gaming apparatus according to claim 49 wherein the gaming machine comprises a slot machine.

Claim 51 (previously amended) The gaming apparatus according to claim 49 further comprising a central lottery computer located at a remote site and in data communication with the lottery game apparatus, the central lottery computer providing lottery game

transmissions to the lottery game apparatus.

Claim 52 (previously amended) A gaming system comprising:

a slot machine having a player interface and circuitry to
issue a signal upon the occurrence of a predetermined
event;

a lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game;

an interface in data communication with the slot machine and
the lottery game apparatus, the interface activating the
lottery game apparatus in response to the signal issued by
the slot machine; and

a central lottery computer located at a remote site and in
data communication with the lottery game apparatus to
provide a lottery game transmission to the lottery game
apparatus.

Claim 53 (previously amended) A gaming system comprising:

a lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game;

a central lottery computer at a remote location and in data communication with the lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game transmission to the lottery game apparatus;
and

an interface in data communication with the lottery game apparatus and having interface circuitry adapted to receive a signal from a slot machine, the interface activating the lottery game apparatus in response to the signal to allow a player to participate in the lottery game.

Claim 54 (previously amended) A gaming apparatus comprising:

a lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game; and

an interface in data communication with the lottery game apparatus, the interface comprising circuitry to receive a signal from a slot machine and activate the lottery game apparatus in response to the signal so as to allow a player

to participate in a lottery game.

Claim 55 (previously amended) The gaming apparatus according to claim 54 further comprising a slot machine having a player interface and circuitry to issue the signal upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

Claim 56 (previously amended) A slot machine comprising:

a player interface;

circuitry that issues a signal upon the occurrence of a predetermined event on the slot machine;

a lottery game apparatus that provides a lottery game; and

an interface in communication with the circuitry and the lottery game apparatus, the interface configured to receive the signal issued by the circuitry and activate the lottery game apparatus to allow a player to participate in the lottery game upon receipt of the signal issued by the circuitry.

Claim 57 [58] (currently amended) A gaming apparatus comprising:

an electronic gaming machine having operational control circuitry and a player interface to allow a player to play the electronic gaming machine;

a lottery game module in electronic data communication with the operational control circuitry of the electronic gaming machine and comprising microprocessor means to graphically generate a lottery drawing upon the occurrence of a predetermined event on the electronic gaming machine and means for storing data defining at least one predetermined event that must occur on the electronic gaming machine in order for the microprocessor means to graphically generate the lottery drawing;

a display device to display the graphically generated lottery drawing;

means for activating the lottery game module to graphically generate the lottery drawing upon the occurrence of the predetermined event on the electronic gaming machine;

an interface in communication with the lottery game module to allow a player to input desired lottery numbers and play the graphically generated lottery drawing when the lottery game module is activated; and

means for indicating the player has won the lottery drawing.

Claim 58 [59] (currently amended) The gaming apparatus according to claim 57 [58] wherein the lottery drawing is modeled after a lottery drawing chosen from the group consisting of Pick-3, Pick-4, Pick-5, Pick-6, Lotto® and Powerball®.

Claim 59 [60] (currently amended) A gaming machine configured to generate a casino game of chance and a simulated lottery drawing:

electronic circuitry means configured to generate a casino game of chance and a simulated lottery drawing;

a player interface that allows a player to play the casino game of chance;

data storage means for storing data defining at least one

predetermined event that must occur during play of the casino game of chance in order for the electronic circuitry means to generate the simulated lottery drawing;

means for controlling the electronic circuitry means to generate the simulated lottery drawing upon the occurrence of the predetermined event;

an interface in communication with electronic circuitry means to allow a player to input desired lottery numbers and play the simulated lottery drawing when the controlling means controls the electronic circuitry means to generate the simulated lottery drawing;

a display device to display the simulated lottery drawing; and means for indicating the player has won the lottery drawing.